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Dredging at Little Sand Bay & Stockton Island Begins Next Week

Popular NPS harbors may be closed at times next week

Due to Lake Superior's near- record low water levels, the National Park Service will be dredging next week at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's Stockton - Presque Isle, and at Little Sand Bay. The dredging will begin at Little Sand Bay harbor, located in the Town of Russell in the park's mainland unit, on Monday, June 4. The harbor and the Town of Russell's boat ramp will be closed for a few days due to the dredging project. Later in the week, dredging will take place in and near the park's popular Presque Isle harbor on Stockton Island.

"The NPS dredges Little Sand Bay every few years but this is only the second time we've ever had to dredge at Presque Isle," said AINL superintendent Bob Krumenaker. "But it has to be done even though we don't have a guaranteed funding source for the work. I'm grateful to the Friends of the Apostle Islands for stepping in and accepting donations to help us cover the estimated \$8000 cost of the Presque Isle dredging." Anyone who wishes to help fund this project can donate to, or join, the Friends at www.friendsoftheapostleislands.org.

The contract for the project was awarded to Nelson Construction of La Pointe. It is hoped that work will be completed at both locations in time for the following weekend, but boaters are encouraged to call the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore visitor center at 715- 779- 3397 to confirm the status of these areas prior to traveling out to them.

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